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Worthy and Independent ELECTORS of WESTMINSTER.

HAVING been grossly misrepresented in what I said relative to Chelsea Hospital, I think it necessary to inform the Public, that I said in the House of Commons, " That I
" did not wish to see the Provision made for Military Officers
" annihilated—on the contrary, I do not think the honourable
" Retreats for such meritorious Men, sufficiently numerous;
" much less did I hint at reducing the Subsistence of the hardy
" Veterans.—The whole that I meant to apprise the House
" of, was, that taking in the Expence of the Institution—the
" Salaries of Men, not Military, and the necessary Repairs of
" the Buildings, by dividing that Sum by the Number of
" Pensioners, the Expenditure per Man was Fifty-one Pounds
" Five Shillings.

" I then thought, and I now think, that if each Man in
" that Hospital was allowed Twenty Pounds per Annum, and
" to live where his Connections and Friendships led him to,
" that he would live more happily—and an Overplus remain-
" ing, which would provide for One Thousand Out-Pensioners
" as Letter-men; a Charity more extensive, and devoutly to
" be wished for."

Great George-Street,
March 29, 1784.



CECIL WRAY.